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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran
Hirohiko ITOH	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Appln. No.: 09/322,177	)	
(Parent of the Continued Prosecution	:	
Application filed October 4, 2002)	)	
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Filed: May 28, 1999	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	August 26, 2005
AND IMAGE PROCESSING IMAGE	:	
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application

as follows: